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The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. Accusations of cease fire violations continue to be exchanged by the two governments. The Pakistanis presently are giving more publicity to the fighting. A high Indian official, in conversation with Ambassador Bowles, has expressed the view that the incidents are largely the result of "eager young platoon and company commanders anxious to improve their positions but without the support of the top command." Press reporting from the area, however, tends to indicate that at least some of the Indian attacks have been large in size and well-coordinated in execution.
2. The Pakistani public is responding with mixed feelings to the four-day-old cease fire. Industrialists and citizens of East Pakistan reportedly are viewing the truce more favorably than other sectors of the public. The myth of a Pakistani military victory, interrupted by the cease fire just prior to annihilation of the Indian forces, seems firmly established, according to Embassy Karachi.
3. Under these circumstances, President Ayub has found it necessary to take steps to damp down latent resentment against the cease fire by (a) announcing that Pak army units will remain in their present positions for the time being, and (b) stressing that the UN and the Great Powers have assured Karachi that negotiations toward a Kashmir settlement will be undertaken. The success of the effort to keep the lid on popular disappointment will depend,

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according to Embassy Karachi, on whether latent resentment outruns progress toward a settlement by the UN or Great Powers and whether the resentment finds national leadership. For the present, opposition leaders in Pakistan appear reluctant to take any action likely to embarrass Ayub.

4. In New Delhi, Prime Minister Shastri, speaking at a political rally, has warned the Great Powers not to try to force a settlement of the conflict which goes against India's interests. Reiterating the tough position assumed by other Indian leaders in recent days, Shastri said that if the major powers try to force India to part with Kashmir "they will drive us into a desperate position." Shastri also repeated what appears to be the developing Indian line toward the UN cease fire resolution when he intimated that the cease fire would have to be fully implemented (Pak infiltrators removed from Kashmir) before his government would agree to participate in discussions of a political settlement.